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19 November 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Vitant TUMASH

1. A meeting was effected between the undersigned and subject on 16 November 1954 in New York to:

- a. Transfer initial salary of \$300 for 1-30 October 1954;
- b. Transfer operational expenses of \$150;
- c. Transfer support material, i.e. Soviet newspapers, magazines, etc.
- d. Set up contact for briefing [redacted], and others, on Byelorussian political structures in France;
- e. Getting preliminary report from TUMASH on the progress and academic planning of the Study;
- f. Obtain information on KENDYSH (fm) for SR/3/CE.

2. Generally, the meeting was not given to other than routine issues. TUMASH noted that he had a bulk of the information available needed for the initial part of the Study. He further stated that he would bring a draft of the initial effort on 30 November 1954. The undersigned stated that this would serve as a guide for definite requirements and suggestions since we could not determine the value of the material at his disposal without seeing it. The initial phase of the Study is devoted to a statistical presentation of the organization names, dates, areas of operation, membership, political evaluation, etc. of the Byelorussian emigration in the United States and should satisfy our CE requirements in this field.

3. TUMASH was requested to come to Washington on 30 November 1954 to brief [redacted] on Byelorussian political and cultural activities and organizations in France. TUMASH will arrive in Washington

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some time in the early afternoon, register at the Raleigh Hotel and then call the undersigned on the sterile telephone.

4. Re KENDYSH (fmu) TUMASH noted that a Vasil KENDYSH resided at 41 Cass Street, Springfield, Massachusetts. The name KENDYSH (fmu) was given to the undersigned by SR/3/GE. It was obtained from an early AEVOCAL briefing. At that time, AEVOCAL had stated that a KENDYSH (fmu) was mentioned by his case officer as a Soviet agent recruited in a fashion similar to that employed on AEVOCAL. According to AEVOCAL KENDYSH (fmu) was supposedly residing in Western Germany. Vasil KENDYSH, according to TUMASH, originally came from the same area as KENDYSH (fmu). SR/3/GE is formulating questions to be asked TUMASH about the Vasil KENDYSH in Massachusetts.

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